



New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

P.O. Box 160
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Sharon A. Harrington
Chief Administrator

November 4, 2004

Dear New Jersey National Guard and Reserve Members:

"Active duty National Guard personnel and reservists serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the war on terrorism are being given automatic extensions if their driver's license, vehicle registration or inspection sticker is expiring."

In August 2003, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) issued Administrative Order 2003-01 in response to Executive Order #54 which was signed by Governor James E. McGreevey on April 1, 2003. Administrative Order 2003-01 expired on August 18, 2004. The MVC therefore is issuing Administrative Order 2004-01 to continue for another year the automatic extensions for active duty National Guard personnel and reservists with an expiring driver's license, vehicle registration or inspection sticker. The official order is attached.

Administrative Order 2004-01 entitles active duty National Guard and reserve members serving in the war on terrorism (including Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom) or Operation Iraqi Freedom to automatic extensions of valid driver license, registration and inspection expiration dates.

MVC does not have the ability to code the records of active duty members on our system or to actually change the expiration dates of your documents, as applicable. Therefore, we have decided to provide you with official paperwork to display to law enforcement should that be necessary. The law enforcement community will be notified of the extension process.

Please carefully read the attached administrative order and comply with the instructions should you meet the extension eligibility requirements.

The extension will not result in a reduced fee at the time you are able to renew your driver license or registration. Therefore, if it does not represent a physical or financial hardship to renew in accordance with the expiration dates displayed on the applicable documents, or to have your vehicle inspected, I would urge you to do so accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding the administrative order, contact the MVC Customer Contact Center toll free from within NJ at 888-486-3339, or 609-292-6500 from outside of NJ (toll call). If any issues remain unresolved, please contact your commanding officer.

Sincerely,

Sharon A. Harrington



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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2004-01

I, Sharon A. Harrington, Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, pursuant to the authority vested in me by The Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act, N.J.S.A. 39:2A-1, et seq., by N.J.S.A. 39:2-3, by N.J.S.A. 39:3-4, by N.J.S.A. 39:3-11.5 as well as by Executive Order 54, issued by Governor James E. McGreevey on April 1, 2003, which states, "The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, is hereby directed to timely extend the renewal dates of drivers' licenses, vehicle registrations and motor vehicle inspections for active duty military personnel during their active service in the war on terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom," and for good cause shown do hereby order the extension of the renewal dates of drivers' licenses, vehicle registrations, and vehicle inspections for active duty military personnel as set forth below:

1. Any person who is the holder of a valid New Jersey license to drive a motor vehicle at the time he or she enters active military duty in the war on terrorism or in Operation Iraqi Freedom may continue to exercise the driving privilege therein conferred until one year from the date of issuance of this Order or until two weeks after his or her demobilization from the aforementioned operations, whichever comes first.

No such person shall exercise this privilege except when attired in official military uniform or when having in his or her possession official orders of deployment in or demobilization from the aforementioned operations and when in possession of a copy of this Administrative Order.

2. The renewal date of a New Jersey registration certificate of a vehicle registered to a person on active military duty in the war on terrorism or in Operation Iraqi Freedom is hereby extended until one year from the date of issuance of this Order or until two weeks after his or her demobilization from the aforementioned operations, whichever comes first.

3. The inspection date of a vehicle registered in New Jersey to a person on active military duty in the war on terrorism or in Operation Iraqi Freedom is hereby extended until one year from the date of issuance of this Order or until two weeks after his or her demobilization from the aforementioned operations, whichever comes first.

4. A person on active military duty in the war on terrorism or in Operation Iraqi Freedom who wishes to operate a vehicle for which the renewal date of a registration certificate and/or the inspection date is extended pursuant to paragraph 2. and/or 3. of this Administrative Order shall have in his or her possession when operating such vehicle his or her driver's license, the vehicle registration certificate and valid insurance identification card, official orders of deployment in or demobilization from the war on terrorism or Operation Iraqi Freedom, and a copy of this Administrative Order.

5. A member of the immediate family of a person on active military duty in the war on terrorism or in Operation Iraqi Freedom who wishes to operate a vehicle for which the renewal date of a registration certificate and/or the inspection date is extended pursuant to paragraph 2. and/or 3. of this Administrative Order shall have in his or her possession when operating such vehicle a valid driver's license, the vehicle registration certificate and valid insurance identification card, proof of dependency on a person on active military duty in the war on terrorism or in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and a copy of this Administrative Order.

6. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as permitting the operation of a motor vehicle without the automobile insurance required by law.

7. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as reducing the fees required to be paid upon renewal of a driver's license, vehicle registration or upon inspection of a vehicle entitled to extension under the terms of this Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Date: _____

Sharon A. Harrington
Chief Administrator